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1. EMBASSY INDEED INTERESTED IN DICKEY AS STAG AS NOTED IN COUNTRY
PLAN SUBMITTED LAST SPRING.

2. IN ADDITION DICKEY FOLLOWING OTHER NAMES OF GREAT INTEREST TO
SOVIET READERS CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN LITERATURE. POETS ADRIENNE
RICH, WILLIAM KUNITZ, DENISE LEVERTOV, AND WILLIAM JAY SMITH.
ALMOST ALL THESE, WITH EXCEPTION RICH HAVE BEEN HERE PRIVATELY
AND HAVE CLOSE CONTACT WITH MANY COVIEST WRITERS AND LITERARY
SCHOLARS. PROSE WRITERS OF GREATEST INTEREST ARE JOHN GARDNER,
JOYCE CAROL OATES, JOSPEH HELLER, AND JOHN UPDIKE. OATS AND
UPDIKE HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED AND ENJOY WIDE FOLLOWINGS HERE.
GARDNER KNOWN BY REPUTATION ALTHOUGH AS YET NOTHING HAS BEEN
TRANSLATED. SUNLIGHT DIALOGUES, HOWEVER, WAS REVIEWED
WITH FAVOR BY LITERATURNAYA GAZETA ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO.
HELLER ALSO NOT TRANSLATED BUT MANY ADVENTUROUS SOVIET
READERS HAVE READ CATCH-22 AND ADMIRE IT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GARDNER AND RICH MIGHT BE OF
GREATEST POTENTIAL SINCE THEY WOULD BE NEW FACES WHOSE
WORK IS NOT YET WIDESPREAD HERE. UPDIKE HAS BEEN HERE
ON EXCHANGE PREVIOUSLY.

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4. EMBASSY WOULD PREFER WRITERS AS INDIVIDUAL STAGS
RATHER THAN AS TWO OR THREE-MAN DELEGATIONS.
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